

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

White Paper on Gifted and Talented: *Kentucky's Future: Mining Untapped Treasure Children and Youth of the Commonwealth Who Are Gifted and Talented*

History/Background:

Existing Policy. The Kentucky Association for Gifted Education (KAGE) is a non-profit, statewide volunteer organization that is affiliated with the National Association for Gifted Children. It is composed of parents, educators and all citizens interested in promoting appropriate educational opportunities for gifted and talented children and youth in Kentucky. KAGE seeks to:

- Encourage the improvement of education services to all students, including those who are gifted and talented;
- Support appropriate educational opportunities for gifted and talented students;
- Offer training for parents and teachers of gifted and talented students;
- Disseminate information about opportunities for gifted and talented students as well as for parents and teachers of these students;
- Inform the general public of the needs of this unique group of students;
- Assist parents, educators and public officials in identifying and assessing resources to meet the needs of students who are gifted and talented;
- Secure permanent state funding and legislation to provide appropriate education for the gifted and talented students in every school district in Kentucky; and,
- Provide scholarship assistance to qualified students participating in summer gifted programs offered by Kentucky universities.

Attached is a white paper titled *Kentucky's Future: Mining Untapped Treasure Children and Youth of the Commonwealth Who Are Gifted and Talented* that was provided for the Kentucky Board of Education's review. Lynette Baldwin, Executive Director of KAGE, will appear at the June KBE meeting to present the paper and answer board members' questions.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Getting to proficiency requires meeting the needs of all students.

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